

### 5.8.3.1 Complete AIRS by Deploying Remaining AIRS Suites

#### NECP Alignment:

NECP Objective	NECP Initiative	NECP Milestone
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**Gap Statement:** AIRS radio frequencies are designed to be used in the event of a multi-agency operation requiring the use of common state radio channel(s), specifically for the purpose of coordinating activities during identified incidents. Additional AIRS installations and enhancements are required to provide statewide coverage and access to this solution.

**Initiative Description:** Arizona's short-term strategy includes expansion of AIRS coverage in order to provide a basic level of interoperability through national and state interoperability channels. AIRS supports VHF, UHF, and 800 MHz frequencies used throughout Arizona, with a cross-band repeater configuration that allows communication between bands.

**Priority:** High

**Term/Timeframe:** Short-term (2011)

**Lead/Owner:** DPS/WSB

#### Primary Participants:

- Local agencies
- SIEC

#### Action Plan:

- 1) Identify coverage and/or usage gaps
- 2) Identify appropriate locations for AIRS assets (e.g., suite/tower locations, etc.)
- 3) Configure appropriate AIRS assets for deployment
- 4) Test designated AIRS assets prior to deployment
- 5) Deploy assets to designated location(s)
- 6) Ensure deployed assets are operational.

#### Objective:

- 1) Provide AIRS coverage for each of the 15 Arizona counties.

#### Performance Measures:

- 1) Deploy a minimum of one AIRS suite for each county (2010)
- 2) Deploy additional identified suites with existing resources (2010)
- 3) Deploy additional coverage solutions (2011).

#### Critical Success Factors/Risks:

- 1) Availability of resources (e.g., funding, staffing, equipment, etc.)
- 2) Access to suite locations and assets
- 3) Identification of long-term maintenance and sustainability resources
- 4) Cooperation of local agencies and users.

#### Funding:

- Federal
  - SHSGP

- PSIC
- State
  - DPS – While there is no dedicated funding source, DPS has assumed responsibility for funding the maintenance and operations of AIRS equipment
- Local – Certain AIRS recipient agencies are responsible for funding the facilities to host AIRS suites

**Outreach Plan:** Utilize existing statewide relationships to enable AIRS deployments in each county. Update the PSCC and SIEC on initiative progress.